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SUBJ: BANGKOK PRESS SPOTLIGHTS THE IBMND

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1. REFERENCE IS A COLUMN BY "ARUN BUNNAG" (SAM KRISHNIAH) IN "THE NATION" OF MAY 9 ENTITLED "TAIWAN ESPIONAGE CENTRE IN NORTH THAILAND MUST BE OUSTED." THE AUTHOR ARGUES THAT THE PRESENCE IN THAILAND OF THE TAIWAN ESPIONAGE AGENCY CALLED THE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU OF MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (IBMND) IS CONTRARY TO THAI INTERESTS BECAUSE IT MAKES GOOD RELATIONS WITH BURMA AND THE PRC MORE DIFFICULT, AND BECAUSE IBMND SUPPORT FOR OPIUM-TRAFFICKING BURMESE DISSIDENT GROUPS DISTRACTS THE BURMESE ARMY FROM FIGHTING COMMUNIST INSURGENTS.

2. THE ABOVE COLUMN IS ONE OF SEVERAL RECENT ARTICLES ON THE IBMND IN THE BANGKOK PRESS. BOTH THE "BANGKOK POST" AND "THE NATION" CARRIED A UPI STORY ON THE IBMND BY ROBERT KAYLOR MAY 6. A MAY 7 "THAI RAT" EDITORIAL COMMENTED ON THE ENORMOUS INFLUENCE OF THE KMT REMNANTS IN THE NORTH AND THE INTELLIGENCE NETWORKS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES. THE EDITORIAL WRITER ASKED

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WHETHER THE THAI STILL HAVE COVEREIGNTY OVER EVERY INCH OF

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